

# It all starts with the ability to **help.**

Advance your career, and provide a much needed service to people who lack access to comprehensive primary health care, with assistance from the Massachusetts Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals.

Primary care clinicians—doctors, nurses, dentists, mental health counselors or other health professionals—are often the first point of contact for a patient. They serve as a guide to better health through prevention and treatment, yet thousands of Massachusetts residents go without their expertise. Together, we can ensure that everyone has equitable access to health care.

## Benefits

- In addition to your regular salary, receive up to **\$50,000** in loan repayment in return for two years of full-time service or the equivalent in part-time service. Continuation contracts available.
- Advance your **career** with knowledge gained by working with a diverse population and health care workforce.
- Use your skills to improve the lives of the **medically underserved.**

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## Check Your Eligibility

You may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- ✓ **I have unpaid health professional student loans.**
- ✓ **I work or am applying to work in an underserved community.**
- ✓ **I have a license to practice in one of the following disciplines:**
  - Primary Care Physician (MD or DO)
    - Family Medicine
    - Osteopathic General Practice
    - Internal Medicine
    - Pediatrics
    - Obstetrics/Gynecology
    - Psychiatry
  - Dentist
  - Dental Hygienist
  - Nurse Practitioner
  - Advanced Practice Nurse
  - Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
  - Certified Nurse-Midwife
  - Physician Assistant
  - Clinical or Counseling Psychologist
  - Clinical Social Worker
  - Mental Health Counselor
  - Professional Counselor
  - Marriage and Family Therapist
- ✓ **I do not have a current commitment to any other state or federal loan repayment program.**

**For employment opportunities in Massachusetts, visit [www.3RNet.org](http://www.3RNet.org).**

## The Massachusetts Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals

The Massachusetts Primary Care Office provides health professionals with up to \$50,000 toward outstanding educational loans as an incentive to work in a community where there is a significant shortage of health care providers or other barriers to care. Since its inception in 1990, the federal and state funded loan repayment program continues to enhance access to primary care across the state and assist organizations in the recruitment and retention of health professionals.

### Apply Now!

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Download the Request for Response (RFR) application and required forms at [www.mass.gov/dph/hcworkforcecenter](http://www.mass.gov/dph/hcworkforcecenter) by clicking on **Assistance Programs**.

### Questions?

**Contact the Massachusetts Primary Care Office** at [loanrepay@state.ma.us](mailto:loanrepay@state.ma.us) or call (617) 624-6051.

**Find us on Facebook at MDPH Loan Repayment**, where people are posting questions and getting answers.

The Massachusetts Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals depends on “shortage designations” to determine eligibility or funding preference.

These shortage designations are a way for communities and health care providers in Massachusetts to establish a need for health care professionals and resources. The federal government designates providers and areas through two shortage designation programs: Health Professional Shortage Areas and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations.

For more information and to find out whether your provider or area is designated, visit [www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage](http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage).

If your provider would like to discuss a shortage designation application, please email [MA-PCO-Shortagedesignation@state.ma.us](mailto:MA-PCO-Shortagedesignation@state.ma.us).